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FOREWORD

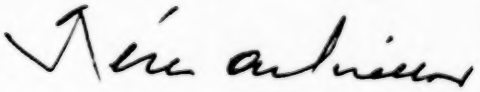
1. I have the honour to submit to the General Assembly for its consideration the proposed programme budget of the Organization for the biennium 1992-1993.

2. The purpose of the requested expenditures is the implementation, during the biennium, of the programmes embodied in the medium-term plan adopted by the General Assembly for the period 1992-1997. This plan expresses the collective decision of Member States on the objectives this Organization should pursue, the nature of the activities it should undertake and the broad lines of the strategies it should adopt to fulfil its role.

3. The preparation of the programme budget was guided by the decisions taken by the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the programme budget outline and on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the Organization. The requested resources reflect a slight increase, in real terms, over the current programme budget. This level of resources is required for the Organization to implement its mandates and shoulder its numerous, expanding and complex tasks. It is also required to respond effectively to the broad priorities established for the United Nations for the years ahead.

4. The search for efficiency is a continuing process. The proposed programme budget testifies to numerous efforts that have been made both by Member States and by the Secretariat to improve the functioning of our Organization. Many of these efforts are not always spectacular. They relate for instance to the respect for articles 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations. Much remains to be done to continue making our Organization fully responsive to the needs of the international community, while exercising the required budgetary restraint. Much remains to be done also on the need to ensure the financial viability of the United Nations. I am confident that the spirit of cooperation that currently prevails will enable us to solve through dialogue and mutual confidence the problems we are facing, including those in domains which are beyond the scope of the regular budget of the Organization.

5. Attempts have been made, albeit modest, including redeployment of resources within sections, to ensure a proper response of the Secretariat to changing mandates. Also, by its nature, a programme budget is a complicated document, reflecting a complex process of preparation and requiring from Member States a thorough consideration. I trust that, through dialogue and cooperation of all concerned, the proposed programme budget will be an instrument that will serve well the basic purposes and expanding role of the United Nations. I commend these proposals to the attention of the General Assembly.



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